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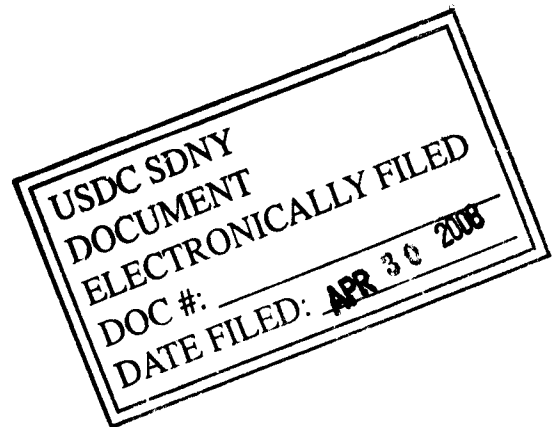
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April 30, 2008

BY HAND

Honorable James C. Francis
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Joel Katz
08 Cr. 287**



Dear Judge Francis:

The above-named defendant was arrested this morning on the above-captioned sealed indictment. The Government requests that the indictment be unsealed so that it may be assigned to a district court judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED:

James C. Francis IV
Hon. James C. Francis
United States Magistrate Judge

DATED: